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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

AVIVA PARTNERS LLC, Individually )	No. 3:05-cv-03098-MLC-JJH
and On Behalf of All Others Similarly )	(Consolidated)
Situated, )	
Plaintiff, )	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
vs. )	FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF
EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES, et al., )	DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE
Defendants. )	
_____ )	

This matter came before the Court for hearing pursuant to the Order of this Court dated April 13, 2009, on the application of the parties for approval of the settlement set forth in the Stipulation of Settlement dated as of March 26, 2009 (the "Stipulation"). Due and adequate notice having been given to the Class as required in the Court's Order, and the Court having considered all papers filed and proceedings held herein and otherwise being fully informed in the premises and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. This Judgment incorporates by reference the definitions in the Stipulation, and all capitalized terms used, but not defined herein, shall have the same meanings as in the Stipulation.

2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Litigation and over all parties to the Litigation, including all members of the Class.

3. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby finally certifies this Litigation as a class action defined as all Persons who purchased Exide common stock between May 5, 2004 and May 17, 2005, inclusive. Excluded from the Class are Defendants, officers and directors of Exide, members of their immediate families and their legal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, and any entity in which Defendants have or had a controlling interest. Also excluded from the Class are those Persons who timely and validly requested exclusion from the Class pursuant to the Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action.

4. With respect to the Class, this Court finds and concludes that: (a) the members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all Class Members in the class action is impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Class which predominate over any individual question; (c) the claims of the Lead Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Class; (d) Lead Plaintiffs and their counsel have fairly and adequately represented and protected the interests of the Class Members; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, considering: (i) the interests of the members of the Class in individually controlling the prosecution of the separate actions, (ii) the extent and nature of any litigation concerning the controversy already commenced by members of the Class, (iii) the desirability or undesirability of concentrating the litigation of these claims in this particular forum, and (iv) the difficulties likely to be encountered in the management of the class action.

5. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, this Court hereby approves the settlement set forth in the Stipulation and finds that the settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable and adequate to the Settling Parties. The Court further finds that the settlement set forth in the Stipulation is the result of arm's-length negotiations between experienced counsel representing the interests of the Settling Parties. Accordingly, the settlement embodied in the Stipulation is hereby finally approved in all respects. The Settling Parties are hereby directed to perform its terms.

6. Except as to any individual claim of those Persons (identified in Exhibit 1 hereto) who have validly and timely requested exclusion from the Class, the Litigation and all claims contained therein, as well as all of the Released Claims, are dismissed with prejudice as to Lead Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class, and as against the Released Persons. The Settling Parties are to bear their own costs, except as otherwise provided in the Stipulation.

7. Upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiffs and each of the Class Members shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever released, relinquished and discharged all Released Claims against the Released Persons, whether or not such Class Member executes and delivers a Proof of Claim and Release.

8. Upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiffs and all Class Members and anyone claiming through or on behalf of any of them, are forever barred and enjoined from commencing, instituting or continuing to prosecute any action or any proceeding in any court of law or equity, arbitration tribunal, administrative forum, or other forum of any kind (whether within the United States or not) any of the Released Claims against any of the Released Persons.

9. Upon the Effective Date, each of the Defendants shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally and forever released, relinquished and discharged the Lead Plaintiffs, Class Members and Plaintiffs' Counsel from all claims (including Unknown Claims) arising out of, relating to, or in

connection with, the institution, prosecution, assertion, settlement or resolution of the Litigation.

10. The distribution of the Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action and the publication of the Summary Notice as provided for in the Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Providing for Notice constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances, including individual notice to all members of the Class who could be identified through reasonable effort. Said notice provided the best notice practicable under the circumstances of those proceedings and of the matters set forth therein, including the proposed settlement set forth in the Stipulation, to all Persons entitled to such notice, and said notice fully satisfied the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, §21D(a)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(7) as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, due process and any other applicable law.

11. Any plan of allocation submitted by Lead Counsel or any order entered regarding the attorneys' fee and expense application shall in no way disturb or affect this Judgment and shall be considered separate from this Judgment.

12. Neither the Stipulation nor the settlement contained therein, nor any act performed or document executed pursuant to or in furtherance of the Stipulation or the settlement: (a) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of, or evidence of, the validity of any Released Claim, or of any wrongdoing or liability of the Defendants; or (b) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission of,

or evidence of, any fault or omission of any of the Defendants in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal. The Stipulation may be filed in an action to enforce or interpret the terms of the Stipulation, the settlement contained therein, and any other documents executed in connection with the performance of the agreements embodied therein. Defendants and/or the other Released Persons may file the Stipulation and/or this Judgment in any action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on the principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, full faith and credit, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar, or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

13. Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court hereby retains continuing jurisdiction over: (a) implementation of this settlement and any award or distribution of the Settlement Fund, including interest earned thereon; (b) disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) hearing and determining applications for attorneys' fees and expenses in the Litigation; and (d) all parties hereto for the purpose of construing, enforcing and administering the Stipulation.

14. The Court finds that during the course of the Litigation, the Settling Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11.

15. In the event that the settlement does not become effective in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation or the Effective Date does not occur, or in the event

that the Settlement Fund, or any portion thereof, is returned to the Defendants, then this Judgment shall be rendered null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation and shall be vacated and, in such event, all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent provided by and in accordance with the Stipulation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: JUNE 23, 2009

Mary L. Cooper  
THE HONORABLE MARY L. COOPER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**EXHIBIT 1**



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Exide Securities Litigation  
Claims Administrator  
c/o Gilardi & Co LLC  
P.O. Box 8040  
San Rafael, CA 94912-8040

May 27, 2009

Re: Exclusion from Exide Securities Litigation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Whitney Benefits requests to be excluded from Aviva Partners LLC v Exide Technologies, et al, No 3:05-cv-03098-MLC-JJH.

The name, address and telephone number is: Whitney Benefits, Inc,

See the attached document outlining purchases of Exide common stock made between May 5, 2004 and May 17, 2005.

Sincerely,

Whitney Benefits, Inc

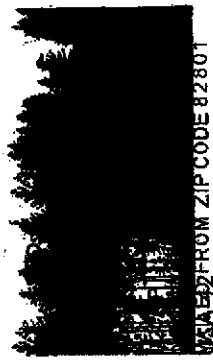
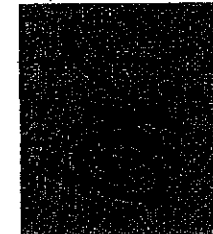
By:   
Title: President of Whitney Benefits

Attachment

Attachment  
Whitney Benefits, Inc  
Exide common stock purchases  
May 5, 2004 through May 17, 2005

<u>Purchase Date</u>	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Purchase Price</u>
5/13/2004	400	19.8666	7,983.64
5/19/2004	1,850	19.5000	36,121.25
6/2/2004	1,675	18.5000	31,029.38
6/10/2004	1,900	19.6445	37,372.05
9/30/2004	2,200	15.8500	34,907.95
12/13/2004	200	13.6450	2,738.95
12/27/2004	200	13.6870	2,747.35
	<b>8,425</b>		<b>152,900.57</b>

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